# New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission Commission Meeting July 16, 2013 13-09

Present: Timothy J. Connors, Chairman

Anthony B. Urban, Secretary Frederick H. Booth, Member Dennis H. Caza, Member Michael J. Gatsas, Member Lynn M. Presby, Member Paul M. Kelley, Director

Sudhir K. Naik, Deputy Director

Michael R. Williams, Procedures Administrator Stephen Johnston, Supervisor, Gaming Operations Billie Jean Arseneault, Gaming/Licensing Supervisor

Linda Glaser, Auditor

Linda R. Darrow, Administrative Secretary

In Attendance: Dick Bouley, Rick Newman, Shawn Flanagan, Ryan Gloddy, Ed Callahan, Jamie Timbas and others.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to approve and place on file the minutes dated June 17, 2013.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to place on file the racing & charitable gaming statistics for the fiscal period of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. It was noted that revenue was down over \$250,000.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to accept and place on file the Games of Chance/Bingo/Lucky 7 warning letters/late financials spreadsheets. Deputy Director Naik noted two responses are still pending and staff contacted both organizations. The Treasurer of Hampton Community Chorale is out of town. Seabrook Emergency Training Association will have a response by end of day.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to place the Games of Chance State Revenue spreadsheets on file.

Director Kelley noted that as part of the passage of HB 2, a Gaming Regulatory Oversight Authority has been created and he was given the authority to appoint a designee to attend the meetings. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Commissioner Gatsas, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to appoint Chairman Connors the designee, with Director Kelley as his backup.

### Trial Approvals

- a. Catholic War Veterans end of 6-month trial of Two Boys, LLC operating Bingo. Director Kelley stated that no compliance issues have been reported and no negative reports received. On a motion by Commissioner Presby, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to allow Two Boys, LLC to continue to operate Bingo for the Catholic War Veterans.
- b. Video Verifier end of 90-day trial period. Director Kelley stated that no compliance issues have been reported and no negative reports received. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to allow use of the video verifier to continue.

# **Tabled**

- a. Statutes and rules governing Bingo and the sale of Lucky 7 tickets: This item will remain tabled through the summer. Commissioner Presby updated the Commission on the kickoff meeting that was held with the industry on July 12<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the minutes from that meeting was handed out. Commissioner Presby stated two changes could be made now to simplify the process for the operators:
  - 1. If the original game schedule has been approved by the Commission, the operator can make changes to the schedule without first needing approval from Licensing. As long as the change involves an approved game, no pre-approval is needed. (A list of all approved games can be found on the agency website). For the record, changes in schedule are to be attached to the financials sent in to the Commission. On a motion by Commissioner Presby, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to approve this change and have staff report back in 6 months on how the new process is working.
  - 2. Bingo payments in tiered games allowing first tier winnings to be paid in cash and second tier winnings to be paid by check. Staff was asked to work on the details and report back with their findings at the next meeting.

Director Kelley introduced Mr. Michael Williams, the new Procedures Administrator. He was welcomed to the Commission.

### Final Proposal

Pari 303.01(b) (4) – Racetrack Licensing: Director Kelley noted that JLCAR had previously objected to the proposed changes to Pari 303. They stated the Commission had no statutory authority to set two tiered fees on the racetrack applications previously submitted. Upon review of the JLCAR comments, the Commission voted for a one tier fee of \$10,000 per year. The deadline for submission of the final proposal was extended by JLCAR. On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Presby and unanimously voted to approve the final proposal.

# Adopted Rules

Director Kelley presented the JLCAR approved rules which need Commission approval.

- a. Pari 1010.02(m) & 1109.01(q) Carryover Bingo Game Prize and Carryover of a Lucky 7 Rolling Jackpot. On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Casa and unanimously voted, the rule was adopted.
- b. Pari 1102.16, 1112.05(a)(4), (b), & (c) Manufacture and Distribution of Double Sided Lucky 7 Tickets to Charitable Organizations. On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted, the rule was adopted.

c. Pari 1102.17, 1109.01(1), 1112.05(d) & (e), & 1112.06(c)(1)-(16) – Manufacture and Distribution of Multiple Jackpot Seal Cards to Charitable Organizations. On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted, the rule was adopted.

# **Correspondence**:

The summary of RCGC monthly activities for the month ended June 2013 was accepted and placed on file.

# Old Business:

- Mr. Williams provided the legislative update. SB75 passed and is currently waiting for the signatures of both the Speaker of the House and Senate President. There is no deadline to sign. The bill will take effect 120 days after it is signed by the Governor.
- Commissioner Gatsas noted that the Seabrook and Rockingham account wagering
  account information continues to be submitted on a monthly basis for review. For the
  record he wanted it noted that the balances continue to fall within the required limits.

### New Business:

- Director Kelley received an email from Mr. Ryan Gloddy of Lakes Region Casino. There is currently on the grounds of the casino an empty building once used during live racing. The thought is to reopen 647 in this building as a family entertainment center with redemption slot machines. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Commissioner Gatsas, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to place this item on the next agenda.
- Mr. Ed Callahan announced Rockingham Park was hosting Friday Night at the Fight this Friday and it would be aired live from 9:00 11:00 p.m. on ESPN2.

There being no questions or comments from the audience, at 11:30 a.m., on a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Urban and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to adjourn the regular meeting and go into nonpublic session as allowed under RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Connors	-	Yes
Caza	-	Yes
Booth	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

At 12:10 p.m., on a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Caza and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to come out of the nonpublic session and permanently seal the nonpublic minutes.

Connors	-	Yes
Caza	-	Yes
Booth	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., location to be determined.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Anthony B. Urban